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Woodbury United Methodist Messenger

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Please join us for Remote services!

Playback begins at 10:30 am

- The Sunday worship service may be accessed using the first link at the top left of the church home page at <http://www.woodburyumc.net>. You may also continue to access through Facebook or Instagram if you prefer.
- Audio only: An audio-only playback of the worship service will also be broadcast via telephone at the appointed hour. You may listen to this broadcast by dialing (701) 802-5464. When prompted, enter the PIN with hash sign: 659965#. Please mute your phones to eliminate background noise.
- Archived worship service videos are also available on the church website by using the 'Archived Worship Services' near the bottom of the main pull-down menu.

PLEASE NOTE: We suggest that you get on the website a couple of minutes early so you will be ready to receive the playback when it starts at 10:30 AM.

May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter, 10:30 am

Sacrament of Holy Communion

On the **4th Sunday of Easter**, a special slideshow prepared by *Catherine Mason* and *Theron Kissinger* will feature photos of church members and will accompany *Chris Shay's* Prelude. A WUMC Virtual Choir will lead congregational singing; the *Cloud* family will lead the Children's Time; *Carolyn Shay* will offer two brief solos; and *Rynn Naylor* will serve as liturgist and Communion co-celebrant.

You are invited to purchase your choice of bread and fruit of the vine and partake of **Holy Communion** in your homes. Pastor John will consecrate the elements before we partake simultaneously. You are encouraged to make this experience as sacred and meaningful as possible, perhaps setting a special table for the elements and lighting a candle beside them.

Pastor's Sermon: *Endurance and Abundance*

Lectionary Readings:

Acts 2:42-27; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 1:19-24; John 10:1-10

See and Talk to Your Church Friends! A New Format for Sunday Fellowship Hours

From Mark Davis, Lay Leader

A remote FELLOWSHIP HOUR is being offered two times per week with Sunday by online video conference and Wednesday by audio only conference call.

Sunday's remote Fellowship Hour will be moved earlier to immediately follow the Worship Service video playback (approximately 10:25 am). This will now be offered as a Zoom video conference using the following meeting info:

Join Zoom Meeting one-touch link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71385405492?pwd=bzNrZWx0bW84dmoxUVgwM2wya3QvUT09>

Or you can join via Zoom app or Zoom web portal with Meeting ID: 713 8540 5492; Password: !WUMC2020

Note you will need to enable your camera and perhaps audio, depending on your default Zoom or device settings. On most devices, the meeting controls are located at the lower-left corner of the Zoom window. If meeting controls are not visible, move cursor over or click on the Zoom window on your PC or tap your icon (video or placeholder) on your phone. Note you can configure your device to view speaker video, mosaic of multiple meeting participants, etc.

Due to Zoom restrictions for free accounts, the Zoom meeting must be concluded by noon and currently audio only call in by telephone is not available.

Wednesday's remote fellowship will continue to be held by phone at 7:30 PM (call in #: 203-633-3808, no PIN required).

WUMC members and friends are invited to use this forum to stay in touch, pray together, express joys/concerns, ask questions, and seek assistance.

A Reminder about our Special COVID-19 Support Fund

The Church Council has created a support fund to assist persons who have been severely impacted by the economic shutdown related to the pandemic.

- If you **need financial assistance**, please contact Pastor John (845-707-5152). Requests and donations will be kept strictly confidential.
- If you would like to **make a donation** to the fund, you can mail a check to the church office (write "COVID-19 Support Fund" on the memo line); or you can donate online through the Breeze link on our church's website (write "COVID-19 Support Fund" in the message box). Thank you!

Are you utilizing WUMC's updated website?

The *Messenger* is now being sent out by email as a link to the church's website rather than as an attachment. Please take a few minutes to browse the website for the wide variety of information it provides. The website will be increasingly emphasized as a means of communication for our church family, not only in response to the pandemic but as an ongoing resource for remaining current on WUMC's ministry and mission.

Local Food Donations Still Needed

WOODBURY FOOD BANK

The Food Bank is in continuous need of non-perishable foods to serve their clients during expanded hours. A picnic cooler is placed on the front porch of the church office between 7:00 AM and 7:00 PM each day to receive donations for the Food Bank. Please see the list of priority items needed at the end of this newsletter. Thanks to the WUMC's Mission and Outreach Ministry Team for spearheading this effort.

REGION 14 SCHOOLS

The local school district is also collecting non-perishable foods at Mitchell Elementary School (weekdays from 12:00 – 1:00 PM) and at the Woodbury Middle School throughout the day.

Need a Mask?

With the new requirement that everyone wear a mask when they leave their homes, don't fret if you don't have one. Simply reach out to *Anna* and *Christine Shupenis* and they will make you one. You can reach Chris at (203) 266-6895 or send your request to: cshupenis@gmail.com. Thank you, ladies, for taking on this task.

Children & Youth Ministry

We're sending love to all - - miss you! This week's lectionary-based Bible story comes from *John 10:1-10*, "The Good Shepherd." A few resources are listed here. See the WUMC website for Children & Youth Ministry resource lists for additional links ...

- Ministry To Children Weekly Resource: <https://ministry-to-children.com/bible-lesson-without-the-good-shepherd/>
- "I Am" The Good Shepherd: <https://youtu.be/ar732X9uO3I>
- Lectionary for May 3, 2020: Acts 2:42-47 • Psalm 23 • 1 Peter 2:19-25 • John 10:1-10

Children & Youth Ministry Team Virtual Meeting: Thursday, April 30 @ 7 PM – Committee members, teachers & others interested in attending, please contact Catherine Mason for meeting link & information.

NOTE FOR WUMC CONGREGATION – Cokesbury has also made many of the adult Bible study resources (including several of Adam Hamilton's books) available for free of charge on Amplify. To check this out now here is the link: <https://amplifymedia.com/free-amplify-content/>



NOTE TO PARENTS: Please email us information about your soon-to-be graduates or the special honors they receive.

Kudo Korner

Thanks to our own *Rod Carnes*, owner of Sir Grout, a hard surface restoration company based in Southbury, and his assistant, *Peter Craig* (son of *Kathy Craig*), for deep cleaning the hard surfaces in our church building last Friday. They performed their service as a donation to WUMC. We look forward to walking on shiny floors when we return as a gathered church!

Thanks to *Meg*, *Samuel*, and *Lydia Temple* for leading congregational singing and the Children's Time during our remote worship service on April 26.

In March *Mary Grace Styblo* participated in the Torrington Regional National History Day contest with a last minute switch to a virtual submission of "*The Women's Army Corps: World War II, Break the Gender Barrier in the Military & Workforce.*" She advanced to the Connecticut State Competition & will submit her work virtually again.

David McClendon is serving on the leadership team of Chi Alpha, a campus Christian organization at the University of Maine. We commend David for his Christian witness and service.

FRONTLINERS. . .

Last week, we started a practice that will be a regular feature of "Kudo Korner" over the next several weeks: recognizing "frontliners" – those who provide essential services to persons in a public setting during a high-risk time. We will honor members of our church family (and their family members) who deserve our admiration and gratitude for their sacrificial service.

****Mark Lynch* is an officer in the New Milford Police Department; *Jody Rockhill*, husband of *Linda Rockhill*, is officially retired but currently serves part-time in the Woodbury Police Department.

****Alyssa Hunt* serves as lead therapist at Sharon Health Care Center, working directly with COVID-19 patients.

****Jay* and *Rae Ann Hockenberry* have two loved ones who also work directly with Coronavirus patients: daughter *Peggy Blair*, who is a nurse at Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, NJ; and granddaughter *Shannon Blair*, who is a nurse at NYU Medical Center in New York City.

****Anne Marie Galus* was featured in the April 22 edition of **Voices** in her role as director of the Southbury Food Bank. The Food Bank was recognized for its innovative ways of making food available to their clients during the pandemic.



PLEASE SHARE WITH US THE NAMES AND GOOD WORKS OF OTHER FRONTLINERS!

The Prayer Corner:

Christian sympathy is extended to *Rynn Naylor* in the death of her mother-in-law, *Paula Girard*, on April 24 in Middlebury. Rynn was Paula's long-time primary caregiver. A graveside service will be held at a later date.

Hospice care at home: *Betsy Love* (discharged from Waterbury Hospital on April 24)

In the hospital: *Paul Weber*, friend of *Joy Eusebio* (Savannah, GA)

Inpatient rehabilitation: *Rev. John Esposito*, pastor of Gaylordsville UMC and friend of Pastor John (Ridgefield Crossings, Ridgefield, CT); *Marie Petty*, aunt of *Kathy Craig* (Abbott Terrace, Waterbury)

Recovering at home: *Dave Davison*, father-in-law of *Gary McClendon*; *Cordelia Ursone*, mother of *Rick Richardson* (Darien, CT); *Robert Ayers*, father of *Tacy Nettleton* (Woodstock, GA); *Carl Hinkle*, father of *Toby McGrath* (Greensburg, PA); *Donna Louise Burke*, friend of *Kathy Craig*; *Peter Gallagher*, father of *Jen Carnes* (Brookfield, CT); *Lou Calabrese* (husband of *Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese*); *Jane King*, mother of *Stephen King* and mother-in-law of *Joann King* (Sarasota, FL); *Antonio Stillitano*, grandson of *Paul Hatch*

Outpatient treatments: *John* and *Jackie Fleming*; *Gerry Furlong* (Leesburg, FL); *Stephanie Galaburri*, friend of *Sandy Carbonaro*; *Will Styblo*, nephew of *Jim Styblo* and *Catherine Mason* (Franklin, TN)

Homebound members: *Florence Brown, Linda Bailey*

Please continue to remember: *Joy Eusebio, Jean Lilly, mother of Meg Temple (Cincinnati, OH), the Keith family, Manny Gesh, Beth, Jillian & Alex Buzzannco, Kelly Etcheto, Vernessa Kingsbury, Jim Congdon, Jane True, Blair Feller, Marilyn Bender, Eddie Lenox (son of Grace Bell), Ethan Murphy, (great grandson of Grace Bell), Brigitte Weimann, Ryan DeRidder and family, Laura & Stuart Brush, Janet Grant (sister of Betty Lines), and The Thomson family of Ferndale, WA (family of Kathy Craig).*



If you would like to send someone a birthday card, please see our website @ www.woodburyumc.net for this month's birthday listing.

HOUSEKEEPING NOTES FROM THE OFFICE...

HANDICAPPED PARKING - - these are the three spaces outside the office doors (Church Street Entrance). **Please do NOT park there unless you have a handicapped parking tag. If you do park there, please be sure to leave enough room for the people using the handicapped ramp.**

❖ **Office Hours - Tuesday thru Friday 9 am – 3 pm.** The answering machine will be checked daily; however, if you have a pastoral emergency, you can call Pastor John Thomason @ (203) 263-7575. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION UPDATES???

Please continue to send any changes in names, addresses, phone numbers, emails, etc. Please send them to umc@woodburyumc.net. This is also important to keep track of any of our college students as well!!!

PRIORITY NEEDS LIST FOR WOODBURY FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Soups, especially broths, chowders, pea soup, minestrone, vegetable, chicken combo, beef combo
Pastas of all kinds, especially ziti, penne, linguine, fettucine, angel hair, rigatoni, bowties & lasagna
Pasta sauces, all kinds
Canned tomatoes, especially whole, diced, crushed & paste
Canned carrots, canned mixed vegetables, canned peas & canned spinach
Cereals & oatmeal
Juice bottles & juice boxes/pouches
Paper towels & napkins
Toilet paper & facial tissues
Canned fruits, especially fruit cocktail, peaches, pears & pineapple
Fruit cups, apple sauce cups, pudding cups & granola bars
Plain rice & rice mixes
Boxed plain & boxed flavored potatoes, & canned yams
Instant pudding mix & Jell-o
Peanut butter & jellies/jams
Canned chili
Canned chicken
Canned hash
Canned pasta such as spaghettios & mini-ravioli
Canned beef stew
Canned tuna & canned salmon
Canned baked beans
Canned pork & beans
Canned kidney beans
Brownie & cake mixes
Quick bread & muffin mixes
Pancake/waffle mixes
Regular, half-caf & decaf ground coffee, instant regular & decaf coffee, & black, green & decaf teas
Ketchup, mustard & mayo
Cooking oil (vegetable, canola, corn & olive)
Dish detergent & laundry detergent
Toothpaste
Deodorant (men's and women's)
Shampoo & conditioner

Bar soaps & body wash
Organic, low-carb & gluten-free food products
Pet foods

Please note: Donations of bleach, sanitizing wipes & sanitizing liquid to maintain a clean & safe Food Bank environment for staff to prepare assistance packages are also appreciated.

Donations are received Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 am to noon; Fridays, 9 am to 2 pm; and Saturdays, 9 to 11 am, at the Food Bank (basement level of the Newtown Savings Bank branch). Please take the driveway on either side of the LaBonne's plaza building to the rear delivery lot, and drop off goods on the designated Donation Table outside the Food Bank; our staff will keep proper social distance and pick up your donation once you have completed your drop-off. Thanks so very much on behalf of our clients and volunteers for offering the gifts of nourishment and compassion!



MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS AT WUMC

Alyna Jones	2 nd
Richard Jones, Jenny Jones, Jennifer Northrop And Levi Phillippe	5 th
Wendi Cordova	6 th
Marion Lowman	9 th
Isabelle Harwood	10 th
Lynn Ramsden-Calabrese & Dawn Thomas	11 th
Bob Davis & Greg Feller	16 th
Barbara Hunt & Kevin McCrystal	17 th
Bradyn Boisseau & Ron Sledzieski	18 th
Elizabeth & Marguerite Keith	20 th
Jack Lynch & Matthew Shupenis	23 rd
Luke Nathaniel Shay	26 th
Manny Gesh	30 th

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL,
BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS ARE ON THEIR WAY!**

Mission Statement of the Woodbury United Methodist Church

We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone.

We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world.

Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.



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